

My name is Atticus Rudolph Bromley, I've been a resident of Asheville North Carolina for my whole life and will soon be a high school graduate. I am looking forward to my transition into college and adult life.

Growing up, I lived in a series of homes, moving from one to the next. My parents were fortunate to come across Habitat for Humanity when I was around ten years old, and as far back as I can remember, I grew up in that home and the surrounding community. During my early teens, I participated in a youth group at the community garden near my house, where I helped maintain the garden and attended fun events with community members. This involvement provided me with many great opportunities, including volunteering with various groups like Habitat for Humanity.

I have always liked to keep busy. In addition to my volunteer work, I sought out opportunities to lead tours and perform yardwork and construction jobs at people's homes. It was during this time that I met my first employer at a community event, and I have been working with her at a carwash near my home since its grand opening.

The summer before my freshman year, I was diagnosed with juvenile nasopharyngeal angiofibroma, a rare tumor I had unknowingly had for years. This condition, a benign but potentially aggressive tumor, typically occurs in adolescent males. I first noticed a problem when I fell ill with the flu and my face began to swell. After a series of doctor visits and scans, often in Durham and Raleigh, North Carolina, where the nearest specialist for my condition was located (roughly a five-hour drive away), I underwent my first major surgery the following summer. The surgery was extensive, taking over eight hours. I woke up dazed and bleeding, eager to leave the hospital. A few uncomfortable weeks later, I was back on my feet, attending work and school as soon as I could.

Later, I discovered that part of the tumor persisted, necessitating another major surgery during my sophomore year. This time, the procedure went much quicker, and I was back in school the following week. However, I faced an unfortunate setback when I experienced a major bleed in class.

Now, as a senior, I reflect on this entire experience as something in my past that I rarely dwell on. Though it was a challenging ordeal, I was always determined to return to a normal life.

In my senior year, I have taken on more rigorous classes as a dual enrollment student, balancing my community college and high school coursework while holding two jobs at the aforementioned carwash and a nearby Ingles grocery market. I thrive on staying busy and maintain a strong work ethic to ensure I complete all assignments on time.

Among my special interests is animation. I draw inspiration from my father, who is a talented artist, as well as from the shows I enjoy watching and analyzing for their distinct styles. As early as ten years old, I was creating stop-motion videos with my Play-Doh. Now, I use Adobe Animate to work on short film projects in my free time, and I rarely lack an active project.

Another interest of mine is political science. I have strong views on various issues and look forward to more opportunities to get involved in local politics. I aim to learn and grow in group settings, allowing me to effectively use my voice to express and advocate for my opinions.